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1. It was reported at the beginning of November 1947 that two cavalry units, each consisting of 600 men, were quartered on farms in the Torrau (E-64) - Schildau (E-53) - Belgern (E-37) sector.
2. These Russian troops were mostly of Baltic origin, some of them coming from Kovno, and could speak German. They maintained good discipline and caused no hardship to the German population.
3. Description of troops: Aged twenty to thirty; dark blue shoulder-boards with red piping; winter uniforms; swords worn with the tip pointing forward. The horses were mainly of East Prussian origin and bore the brand of State Stud Farm at Trakehnen.

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Artillery shoots and firing under battle conditions by mixed formations (self-propelled guns, artillery, and infantry) took place at Wormlitz (Y-80) at the beginning of December 1947. The units taking part were observed on arrival to be in a column of route two and one-half to three kms. long. The infantry troops arrived on foot and had horse-drawn transport with them, while the artillery was motorized and headed the column. The units came from the Magdeburg area and returned there upon the termination of their maneuvers.

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